

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Mills, do you yield?

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Dworak, at a meeting that was called because of a letter that I had written to Senator Kremer saying that I felt there was trouble ahead relating to the territorial bills, a meeting was called and all of the power representatives, the entities, the representatives of those entities were there. There came a suggestion from that meeting that there be some negotiations relating to what had happened and what was going to happen to LB 100 and the problem. So Senator Kremer appointed Senator Kelly, Senator Swigart and myself.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Mills, then did Senator Kelly, Senator Swigart and yourself conduct these negotiations through until an agreement was reached? Were you able to successfully conduct these negotiations between these power entities?

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Dworak, Senator Swigart was unable to attend two of the meetings that were held. The first was held down at the Cornhusker Hotel. There were three representatives from the municipalities, three representatives from the munies, and after two hours they, we thought, had come to an agreement.

SENATOR DWORAK: Is that agreement before this floor now? Could I ask you what this agreement was?

SENATOR MILLS: It was my understanding, and this is I guess an error on my part, and I want to clear up one thing, we were only mediating, we were not negotiating, Senator Dworak. Senator Kelly and I were trying to listen and see what they would, themselves, bring about. There seemed to be some difference of opinion about a moratorium created, the freezing of service areas, the freezing of zoning areas, and those questions. I thought they were resolved at the first meeting. We then held another meeting of which it was, on my part, believed that those negotiations had failed and that both sides left that meeting with no positive direction.

SENATOR DWORAK: Did LB 100 have any effect on those negotiations? Are you negotiating the same issue that is contained in LB 100, 147 and 214?

SENATOR MILLS: It was all relating around service areas, Senator Dworak, so I would have to say that all three of those bills that you're aware of are service areas. Yes, those negotiations were around those bills.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: One minute, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Can you tell me the two sides in those negotiations, basically?

SENATOR MILLS: Those persons representing the two sides?

SENATOR DWORAK: Right. From the rurals and the munies?

SENATOR MILLS: Yes, they were the rurals and the munies.

SENATOR DWORAK: Is 100 a bill that is specific to one side?